

John Leggo was appointed librarian for the year.

Died—At Brockville, C.W., on Friday morning last, Dr. Samuel S. Blodgett, of the firm of Ambler & Blodgett, dentists, Ogdensburg, in the 26th year of his age.

On the Saturday previous to his death, Dr. Blodgett came to Brockville to answer a professional call, but only reached here to be taken to the sick bed whence he was never to rise.

In the advertising columns appears an announcement of the first appearance of the Brockville Amateurs, at Mr. Buell's large hall, in the laughable Buletta entitled "The Irish Tutor." During the evening a variety of songs and duets, to conclude with the laughable farce "Lend Me Five Shillings." The society were to be assisted by Mr. Charles Hill and Miss Rosalie Hill. It was further stated that the hall would be lighted with wax.

The Parliament of the Canadas met in Montreal on the 18th. In the speech from the throne His Excellency informed the House of Her Majesty's intentions to exercise the prerogative of mercy in favor of all persons liable to penal consequences for political offences arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838, that steps would be taken by the Imperial Parliament for conferring on the Provincial authorities entire control of the postoffice department, that he had not failed to impress on Her Majesty's ministers the urgent necessity for the removal from the Imperial statute books of such measures as might tend to restrict the commerce of the province by checking the resort of foreign shipping to its ports in search of freight. Among measures recommended for the consideration of the House was the provision of funds for the completion of the St. Lawrence canals at the earliest period, and deepening them so as to permit vessels drawing nine feet of water to pass from Lake Erie to the ocean; also the setting apart of a portion of the public domain, in order that the revenue derived therefrom may form a fund, the proceeds of which should be

applied to the support of the common schools.

JANUARY 25, 1849.

The California gold fever was raging. Advices just received stated that lumps were being found which weighed from one to two pounds. Lumps had been heard of weighing as high as 16 and 25 lbs. Many men who were poor in June were now worth \$20,000. The average realized from June to October was \$100 per day.

Died—On the morning of the 22nd inst., in Bastard, Ebenezer Sherman, eldest son of Mr. Philo Sherman, of that place.

FEBRUARY 4, 1849.

Most of the space in the issue of the Recorder for this date is taken up with a report of the debate on the Speech from the Throne. Among those who took part were Papineau, Baldwin, Col. Prince, Lafontaine, Hincks, Sir Allan Macnab, Christie, Cauchon and Boulton.

A new election law was introduced in the House, which provided for three days' polling, commencing at 9 a.m., and ending at 4 p.m., on each day; electors to have land of the annual value of 44s. 5½d.—equal to 40 shillings sterling, to be in possession or in receipt of the income at least six months before the date of the writ of the election.

FEBRUARY 15, 1849.

Under date of Montreal, Jan. 30, 1849, His Excellency had been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the militia force of Canada:

Fourth Battalion, Leeds.

To be Major—Capt. Ephraim Dunham, from the 1st Batt., Leeds.

First Battalion, Leeds.

To be Major—Capt. Edward Howard, vice Dunham, appointed to 4th Leeds.

To be Captain—Lieut. James D. Powell, vice Howard, promoted.

To be Lieutenants—Ensigns Wm. Chaffey, vice Sherwood, appointed paymaster; Andrew Donaldson, vice Powell, promoted; Wm. H. Ellerbeck, vice Coleman, who retires, and Hamilton N. Sherwood.